

From: Gulfbuys@tampabay.rr.com
To: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 5:23 PM
Subject: Maintaining the PUBLIC airways appropriately

Dear Commissioners,

It is becoming more and more apparent that radio and television broadcast are not subject to a reasonable standard of decency. Censorship should not be the goal of the commission but neither should allowing the public transmission of any and all media content regardless of its particular presentation.

Cable and satellite services are available for those seeking to provide and or be entertained by programming that contains content which is not by reasonable standards presentable to the public at large i.e., children, those with certain religious beliefs etc. The above referenced mediums of communication should enjoy all the freedom of whatever speech that can be exchanged through them. These mediums require that one seek and pay for the content thereby representing a private exchange of speech that should not be regulated. On the other hand content sent through broadcasted signals is made available to the public without any restrictions (i.e., cable, payment, satellite transmitter) and should be regulated to a standard which falls within a generally recognized scope of decency.

Since the commission (Federal Government) in essence has been provided eminent domain over the airspace of private property and issues public broadcast licenses it by proxy endorses the content of transmissions made. The Constitution of the United States by virtue of the 1st Amendment does not allow Congress to make law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise of it. There are private property owners who could claim that this commission through the power vested in it by the Federal Government is violating their 1st amendment rights. Such a claim can be made as a result of this commission allowing their right to exercise religious freedom to be violated. This type of violation occurs when the commission does not allow private property owners to control airspace that cannot be separated from their property and as a result the transmissions which may enter it. Instead the commission issues licenses to access that airspace and subsequently allows holders of such to transmit content through said airspace which they object to based on their religious beliefs. Therefore, it is incumbent upon you as a regulatory body to respect the Constitutional rights of all Americans and begin taking whatever actions are necessary in order to serve the public good.

Sincerely,

John T. Richardson III

From: Carol Hajos
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 7:01 **PM**
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

Dear Commissioner:

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From: Ingrid Moore
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, i
Date: Wed, Mar 19, 2003 2:48 PM
Subject: Citizen input on Ownership Regulations

Dear Sirs,

This is very intimidating. I want to provide my input as a citizen, but know that my voice will likely not be heard or noted, as I do not have any "influence". In addition, I know the subject that my opinion is regarding, but I don't know the exact terminology or name of the regulation. In any case, here is my "public input":

I feel very very strongly that it goes against the very mission of the FCC - the reason it was created - to rescind the rules regarding media ownership restrictions. To allow one entity to own over 37% share of a market could theoretically result in a majority of news/entertainment sources being presented by one interest. This is not just a theory, but is in all practicality happening today, even with the current regulations in place.

Already this influence is too pervasive. See "Networks Are Megaphones for Official Views" on the Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting website: www.fair.org.

This report is a striking view of how distorted our news sources are, and the incredible influence it has on public policy and opinion. I am having to work very hard to find independent news sources to listen to/watch, and they are scarce indeed. Depending upon what part of the country in which you live, independent news sources may be or are non-existent. When I listen to the BBC, or Pacifica Radio, or Free Speech Radio, then listen to "mainstream media", the difference in bias and tone is stark and alarming.

This is not allowing the public debate that our founding fathers intended, indeed decreed as vital, to democracy. The "oxygen" of democracy is the open expression of a variety of opinions, and rescinding this ownership rule will most assuredly snuff out the candle of democratic discourse.

Thank you for considering my views.

Regards,

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From: Maureen Kane
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue. Apr 1, 2003 3:29 PM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Sincerely,

Maureen Kane
1906 Greene ST
Beaufort, SC 29902

From: Ira Skutch
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 1.2003 7:06 **PM**
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

Our nation is facing a crisis in communications. It is imperative that the abuses flowing from the 1996 Telecommunications Act be reversed, and that the drive to deregulation of our airways be stopped in its tracks. Unless you want our children and grandchildren to live in a stunted, evil society reminiscent of the fascist countries of the early twentieth century, fight back.

Sincerely,

Ira Skutch
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Beverly Hills CA 90210

From: CCPERRYREVI@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Apr 3, 2003 6:41 AM
Subject: Control of the airwaves

I've been reading about the frightening control that the conservatives supporting President Bush have of the people's airwaves in the United States. I am a teacher and a member of the clergy -- and have long taught that in our wonderful country people get to choose - we support the people we choose to represent **us** in government; we support our troops; we support our public servants. police, fire, and all representatives of the necessary protection agencies, environmental agencies, scientific and medical agencies. But I always add, we have information which helps **us** make an informed choice - and now I am learning just how pervasive the control of the religious right is - many people in our country are not hearing diverse voices, they do not get the information needed to make informed decisions - and that is because a few groups such as yours are controlling hundreds of stations and decreeing that certain performers, certain voices may not be heard.

If this is true, we are back in an age of "McCarthyism" and we are closer to the practice of the government of a dictator than that of a democracy.

Please help to keep America a democracy where we all are able to learn every side of an issue through healthy media and newspaper reporting. If there is nothing to counter people like Rush Limbaugh, the American people remain stuck in ignorance and fear.

We are too great a country to fear an open press and news system on radio and television. I pray you are doing your best to keep information free and unrestricted.

Thank you.

C C Perry

From: CGPERR
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu. Apr 3, 2003 9:38 AM
Subject: consolidation of media

Dear Mr. Powell,

The current, let alone further, consolidation of the media is antithetical to the function of democracy and a truly free press. When money equals "free speech" and only a few individuals have and control the money and access to the media, there no longer is meaningful free speech. Please rethink your approach. I suggest reading David Korten's "When Corporations Rule the World for insight into the difference between a functioning market economy and corporate rule.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. Claire Perricelli. Napa, CA

From: Library
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Apr 3, 2003 10:26 AM
Subject: Consolidated Media Services

I would like to inform you of the deceitful company known as Consolidated Media Services. If you research them online, you will find nothing but complaints from thousands of citizens who are being scammed into a fake deal. Some cites you may want to investigate include:

http://www.oswegodailynews.com/content/2002/120902/121402money_ccc_watchouttelemarketingscam.shtml
http://www.consumeraffairs.com/scam_alerts/cms.html
<http://badbusinessbureau.com/results.asp?q=ALL&q2=&q3=&q4=Consolidated&q5=&q6=&q7=&submit2=Search%21>

The citizens rely on you to keep **us** protected from such companies. I was a recent victim from this companies deceit and I would like to **see** that they be fully investigated. If this many people are being effected by this company, than I am sure you have been notified already.

The company is:
Consolidated Media Services
2550 Heritage Court, Suite 106
Atlanta, GA 30339

Please help **us**!!

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From: rvitagli
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 8:54 AM
Subject: FCC regulations

Dear Sirs:

I must urge you to NOT loosen your regulations on our system of media ownership. As someone in their fifties I have watched the changes in our media coverage over the years. The change has been frightening. When one person, corporation or conglomerate can own so much of our media it stifles the free flow of ideas and opinion. This must not be allowed to happen. The very essence of our country is a free press. When the control of our media falls into the hands of a few, freedom of the press will be hampered. You only have to look at the companies that control our media today. Please! The heart and soul of our nation is at stake. Please do your job and do not be beholden to your political party or your friends in the corporate world. That is not why you are there. You are there to make sure that we the citizens of the United States are protected from the very powerful and the wealthy. We only have the media to make sure there is an even balance. It is the only tool we have to have a fighting chance. So again, please do not loosen the existing regulations in fact they should be tightened even more.

Respectfully,

Rhona Vitagliano

Massapequa, New York

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Doris Lefley
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 2:45 PM
Subject: fcc regulations

Mr Powell I urgently request that you reconsider the policy of allowing media owner ship to be consolidated which will result in a limited information avaiable to the public. I am against docket #02-277. thank you dlefley wilmette ll

From: MAQuigley@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 2:59 PM
Subject: Oppose Liberalization of Media Ownership Regulations

Dear Mr. Copps,

I am opposed to any proposed plan to liberalize rules regarding media ownership.

As the months leading up to the war in Iraq have painfully demonstrated, the media is already controlled by too few corporations whose vested interest in promoting the war, to benefit parent companies, or for ratings, has played a major role in leading our country into a war that I and many others feel would have been more strongly opposed and therefore prevented had Americans enjoyed the benefit of balanced and investigative reporting.

I urge you to keep this undeniable abuse of corporate media power in mind when voting. Many American and Iraqi soldiers and civilians have been needlessly killed or maimed and scarred for life in a large part because of the failure of the **U.S.** media to remain objective in the face of anticipated profits and ratings.

Sincerely,

Michelle Quigley

From: John B.
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 4:24 PM
Subject: Peoples Airways

Commissioner, Please protect the peoples airways, not a give away to the corporations who already control the Media thanks to the FCC. The Veterans that I know would not **be** happy for any give away, as would I, a

WW2 combat veteran, John Bakalik Mauston Wis. **53948**

From: FLHChooch@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 9:02 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Concerning FCC Restrictions

Mr. Powell,

It is my opinion as a voting member of this country that the FCC should side with the interests of the small broadcasters of this nation. It is appalling that the media is controlled by **so** few (~ 6) companies. Big money is corrupting the channels of communication to the people. How can reporters report what needs to be reported if it's against their own company's interests? Say no to lifting restrictions of ownership of our limited venues of communication. **No** to monopolization and lack of local ownership. More voices, not less. Thank you.

Greg Gilroy
New Jersey voter

From: P Gianpicolo
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 9:57 PM
Subject: Media Licenses

FCC - I want more diversification in the media, thus I oppose letting the giant corporations have even more control of what I see. I have little hope of this email making any difference to the already PURCHASED outcome, but no one can say I didn't try.

Pam Gianpicolo
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Charlotte, NC 28227

From: dalagons@chesint.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 10:13 PM
Subject: Do not lift restrictions on broadcast media ownership

Hello Commissioner Copps,

I just finished watching Bill Moyer's show **NOW** on **PBS** and his report on the FCC's probable decision to relax the rules on media ownership thereby allowing most if not all of the countries broadcast media to be consolidated into the hands of a few powerful men - yes men, not corporations, and I must say PLEASE **DON'T** LET THIS HAPPEN. Please don't allow conglomerates to own the press. This will be a huge error on the part of the US Government if permitted to go further. In fact, in my estimation, it is already a huge blunder to have surrendered to big business as much as has already been surrendered on this issue.

I found myself agreeing with Mr. Moyer and the piece reporter, and I found myself astounded that this issue - the impending decision to deregulate this ownership - has got little or no public airing. Please do what you can bring more public exposure and debate on this.

Regardless of the public debate, I want you to know that I am opposed to the concept of permitting a few corporations to own all the media. I'll say it again - I am opposed to this. Please do what you can to make this right - to keep the press free by encouraging competition in all aspects.

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Marty Lagon
Baltimore, Maryland

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Baltimore, Maryland

From: Salem Derby
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 10:22 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Salem Derby (salemstar@charter.net) writes:

I am a proud American and I am very concerned.
I would be shocked if the very agency that is charged with regulating the media would bow to there whims and grant them free rein over our countries airwaves.
Do not relax the regulations on media ownership.
This could lead to the demise of a free press and objective reporting of any kind.
In fact the regulations should be more supportive strict for big corporations and encourage more competition.
If you care about democracy and free speech than you will not loosen the regulations.
Thank you

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From: karen ludwig
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 10:29 PM
Subject: diversity

Let this letter make it known
that I support diversity in programming.
Stop media deregulation!
Karen Ludwig, director, teacher, actor, filmmaker
Uta Hagen's Acting Class

From: KRyan48371@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 11:42 PM
Subject: FCC Proposed Changes

Mr. Powell,

As a citizen concerned about the air waves belonging to the public, I am opposed to further Broadcast consolidation. This promotes large conglomerates and reduces free thought and diverse opinion. That is unAmerican. FCC rules should remain **as** they are. Furthermore, I am outraged at your attempt to limit more public input. Contrary to what you may believe this is a government of, for and by the people not of for and by the corporations.

Regards,
Kate Ryan
Monterey, MA 01245

From: KRyan48371@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 11:51 PM
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From: GerideGruy@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 12:41 AM
Subject: media deregulation

dear mr. powell,

i strongly oppose media deregulation and the lifting of any of the current rules which regulate ownership of the media. the media is "owned" by the people. we need, as a democracy, to be able to receive information and ideas and viewpoints from diverse sources. the more the better. right now, the trend is toward fewer companies owning more and more of the media options. this limits our ability to get a wide range of information. it is not democratic. it in fact undermines democracy. it's like only being able to look at an elephant from one view so one thinks that an elephant is merely a trunk, or a butt.

i urge you to keep regulations about media ownership and to encourage, in whatever way possible, the democracy of the airwaves. the diversity that makes the u.s. rich. thank you.
geri deGruy

From: Frances Campbell
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 12:56 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Frances Campbell (francecampbell@netscape.net) writes:

Thank you for your opposition to the monopolization of the nation's airwaves (as reported by "NOW.") Democracy is the means by which the lowly may climb. Unfortunately, some, when they get to the top, want to kick that ladder over. You are upholding the values of the Founders.

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Remote IP address: 67.225.128.97

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Date: Sat, Apr 5.2003 1:00 AM
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From: Steven Vetter
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 1:22 AM
Subject: thanks for helping stop the dereg.

Dear Sir,

On NPR today a story was run about the FCC deregulation plans. One of your fellows (I think it was Powell) said that public response will be useless regarding the final decision.

I and many other hope he is merely blowing smoke, and I am writing this email of support to you regardless. Thank you for taking a courageous stance on this issue and for being the lone voice of dissent among your group.

The lack of plurality of voices in the media today is deplorable. It does not need to get any worse, which it will if further deregulation continues. Someone (one of our founding fathers) said something to the effect that a democracy depends on an informed electorate. How will we ever be informed if all our news is nothing more than one mouth piece echoing the same message?

Thanks Again,
Sincerely,
Steven R. Vetter
Tucson, AZ

From: Karen Sirridge
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 5.2003 10:02 AM
Subject: Opposition

We oppose further consolidation of the media. It is not in this nation's best interest to do so.

From: john88@localnet.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 10:39 **AM**
Subject: consolidation

The big media radio and tv **is** bad enough , thank god for the few college stations around or there would be nothing to listen to. This consolidation is a threat to democracy and competition.

From: Marcella Guerriero
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 1:18 PM
Subject: FCC regulation changes

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to register my formal complaint and objection to any pending FCC rulings which may lift restriction's on mergers between TV broadcast networks or increase the number of local TV or radio stations owned by one company. Such deregulation threatens to further stifle the diversity of programming for consumers, advertisers and producers. One of the main charges of the FCC is to promote diversity, which doesn't just refer to people of color, it refers to many different types of programming.

Deregulation of radio has already created problems of local access and **loss** of diversity. Our democracy depends upon the fair and equal access to media outlets by independent voices which the FCC was created to protect. I applaud Commissioner Copps for attempting to draw attention to this problem. I would like to go on record as being opposed to increased or further media deregulation and wish for you to act on my behalf and STOP further media deregulation.

Sincerely,

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CC: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Loree Gold
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 2:04 PM
Subject: FCC rulings

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Respectfully yours,

Loree Gold
lsolidgold@earthlink.net

From: Corey Rader
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 2:45 PM
Subject: Please do NOT loosen the restrictions

Mr. Copps,

I really believe you'd be doing a disservice to your country by lifting the ownership restrictions on our media giants. Ever since the 1996 bill has given total control to Clear Channel, radio markets across the country have become bland water downed corporate sales tools. With the payola system the way it is, it has become impossible for small independent local stations to compete. I fear that doing the same thing to newspapers and television can be nothing but disastrous. Please reconsider. Think about your legacy, you know if you unleash this it can never be undone!

Corey Rader

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From: Vbuchwald@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 2:45 PM
Subject: ownership of media outlets

We urge the Commission to approve regulations that will restrict the number of radio and television stations that can be owned by any single company or conglomerate. It is essential to a democratic society that there be ample opportunity for many voices and views to be heard throughout our nation and the world.

Alexander M. Buchwald & Virginia E. Buchwald
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein